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1. The resignation of 'Abdullah Tel, Jordanian military commander of Jerusalem, considerably damaged King 'Abdullah's already waning popularity in Arab Palestine. [REDACTED] certain of the King's own police officers and the mayors of various villages no longer support 'Abdullah, and that the King's high representatives are afraid to show their faces in Palestine. He states that many stories are current, making fun of the Arab Legionaries as ignorant Bedouins, and adds that Legion officers no longer like to dine alone in cafes.

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2. [REDACTED] there is now an organized underground movement, probably not connected with a similar movement of the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin Husayni, to kill 'Abdullah and his sons and overthrow the Jordanian Government. [REDACTED] does not believe that the Mufti is involved in this affair, as the story [REDACTED] indicated that the organizers had been unable to designate a leader who would serve as a rallying point. [REDACTED] the movement includes both Palestinians and Jordanians, among whom are 'Abdullah Tel. and a number of his officers from the Arab Legion, and one of King 'Abdullah's Ministers of the Treasury [REDACTED] described as a man from Nablus who was released from prison by 'Abdullah a few days ago).

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3. Although the Arab Legion has been buying up arms owned by private citizens, arms caches built up by Husayni's followers in Arab Palestine are still intact, as no one dares to sell such arms because of fear of terrorist retribution. [REDACTED] the Mufti recently sent LP 30,000 to Arab Palestine to cover the expenses of his fighters.

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